



JOSHUA 1:5-9 (NKJV)

"No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you. Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go. This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

JOSHUA 1: Gleanings

- Numerous times we are instructed to "be strong and of good courage."
- Negative influences that cause fear and prevent us from taking new territory are: worldly values, Satan's lies and our sin nature.
- Strength = God's Presence
 - Surrender continually, let God Lead. You are much stronger His Way.
- Good Courage = God Helping you, taking action, exercising your faith to be armed to take territory.

Being Armed to Take Territory: Joshua 1:5-14

- **Realize** God Is with you. You can trust Him.
- **Know** the mission. Regularly pray, listen and let Him Lead you.
- **Read** Scripture out loud always.
- **Meditate** - mull Scripture over throughout the day.
- **Remember** the Promises of God's Word and What He's Done.
- **Receive** the rest from God you need. Follow The Holy Spirit's Rhythm.

MARK 6:7-13 (MSG)

Jesus called the Twelve to him, and sent them out in pairs. He gave them authority and power to deal with the evil opposition. He sent them off with these instructions: "Don't think you need a lot of extra equipment for this. You are the equipment. No special appeals for funds. Keep it simple. And no luxury inns. Get a modest place and be content there until you leave. If you're not welcomed, not listened to, quietly withdraw. Don't make a scene. Shrug your shoulders and be on your way." Then they were on the road. They preached with joyful urgency that life can be radically different; right and left they sent the demons packing; they brought wellness to the sick, anointing their bodies, healing their spirits.

First, **Christ Reveals Himself to us,**
 then **He Reveals Himself in us,**
 and then **He Reveals Himself through us.**

How can you take territory if you don't know **who you are, what you are carrying, or where you are going?**

IDENTITY

You are a child of God. "Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God" John 1:12 (NIV)

As a family, you are a model of faith. "He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly." Acts 10:2 (NIV)

As the Church, we are the Body of Christ. "so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others." Romans 12:5 (NIV)

PURPOSE

You were Created to glorify God. "But I have raised you up for this very purpose, that I might show you my power and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth." Exodus 9:16 (NIV)

As a Family, you are an incubator. "Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it." Proverbs 22:6 (NIV)

As the Church, we are Commissioned. "Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'" Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV)

VISION

You are Destined to know God. "I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe." Ephesians 1:17-19 (NIV)

As a Family unit, you are Meant to serve God. "But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15 (NIV)

As the Church, we are Set apart. "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:14-16 (NIV)

"Be Strong and of Good Courage."

- Surrender to God continually, find **identity** in Christ and His Word.
- Seek out encouragement to discover your **purpose** in your Church.
- Push aside fear – take action. Write your **vision** and move toward it.
- Practice the **FAMILY** principle at home and every where you go.
- Take New Territory for God's Glory!